Name of the Hostel	No. of suites	Addresses
2. Bombay	10 (Church Gate) 17 (Nappean Sea Road)	101, M.R. Road, Pratishtha Bhavan, Bombay-400020.
3. Calcutta	52	2344, Acharya J.C. Bose Road, Calcutta-700020.
4. Madras	10	26-Haddows Road, 1st floor, Shastry Bhavan, Madras-600006
5. Bangalore	5	Touring Officers' Guest House, Domlur, Bangalore.

Suggestions from States regarding Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

296. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 705 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received suggestions from the States regarding amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if not, the details of the defaulting State Governments; and

(c) the details of follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Those State Governments, where the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is applicable, were requested in September, 1996 to give their suggestions for amending the Act. The Govt. has since received suggestions regarding amendments to the Act from the State Governments of Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Union Territories or Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

An Inter-Governmental Committee was constituted in December, 1996 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) with a view to suggest amendments to the Act. The representatives of a few selected States namely Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Delhi and concerned Departments/Agencies of the Central Government were represented on this Committee and their suggestions have been considered by the Committee. The Inter-Governmental Committee has submitted its report in April, 1997, suggesting amendments to various provisions of the Act.

(b) The State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, and Punjab have not forwarded their suggestions, so far.

(c) The recommendations made by the Inter-Governmental Committee and the suggestions received from State Government for making amendments to the Act are under consideration of the Government.

Scarcity of Water in Ashok Vihar

297. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of the four storey flats in 'J' Block M.I.G/L.I.G. flats in Ashok Vihar have not been getting proper water supply, sometimes getting water hardly for half-an-hour in a day, which is quite inadequate to meet their daily requirement, especially during summer seasons;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take to improve the water supply in 'J' Block of Ashok Vihar, so that if residents do not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No Sir, Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has informed that water is supplied regularly for one and a half hours, both in the morning and in the evening, subject to availability of power, in the area.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

Delay in Finalisation of Building Bye-Laws

298. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contentious issue of revising Delhi's existing building bye-laws continues to simmer as politicians and town planner fail to reach a consensus over the proposed construction norms;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the building bye-laws are likely to be finalised and with what changes; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the Malhotra Committee in this regard and what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The GNCTD has reported that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra was constituted on 9.12.95 to examine all aspects related to the building bye-laws, keeping in view the need and requirement of people of Delhi. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Delay in the Enforcement of the Delhi Rent (Control) Act, 1995

299. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been delaying the enforcement of the Delhi Rent (Control) Act, 1995;

(b) whether Government have received representations in this regard;

(c) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government have since made amendments in the said Act; and

(e) if so, by when the Act is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been receiving a large number of representations both from house-owners as well as tenants particulary trader tenants. While the tenants have been demanding changes in the provisions of the Act, the house-owners have been requesting for immediate enforcement of the Act.

(c) This issue was examined by the Government in various high level meetings including the Cabinet. The Government has decided to enforce the Act after effecting amendments to some of the provisions of the Act.